

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** February 16, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 2012 – 2013 Black Bear Hunting Seasons, Quota Ranges and HD Boundaries

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Approval of Final Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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### **Background**

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for all game species. This happens every other year between December and Final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the FWP Commission, FWP proposes existing structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

For 2012 and 2013 black bear season structures, the most significant proposed changes include removing the spring validation requirement in Region 1 and extending the spring bear season to June 15 in parts of Regions 1 and 2.

For all FWP proposed changes that include proposed adjustments from the Commission adoptions in December please see FWP Commission Master List for February 2012 meeting.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Black bear season comments were received during scoping and included interest in spring season extensions. Public comment ran thru 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 with comments forwarded to FWP staff and the FWP Commission. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 16 commission meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2011 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

Rationale for individual proposals is included in commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Feb.16 commission meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the commission adopt the final 2012 and 2013 Black Bear Hunting Seasons and Hunting Districts as proposed by FWP.